

JAPAN DECIDES TO GIVE RUSSIA AID AGAINST FOE

Premier Okuma Won't Discuss Details, but Intimates Assistance Will Be in Form of Munitions Supplies.

SLAVS IN GREAT NEED THUS Disposition of German Industrial Element When War Broke Out Crippled Country.

WESTERN ALLIES CANNOT HELP

TOKIO, Aug. 23.—The Kokumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma states that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. He could not discuss details, but allowed it to be understood that this assistance would take the form of the forwarding of greater supplies of munitions."

Russ Position Difficult. The position of Russia in regard to obtaining war supplies has been one of unusual difficulty.

The Russians as a people are not given to industrial pursuits and their manufacturing plants utilized for the production of guns and ammunition were manned and directed largely by Germans at the time the war began. The disposition of the powerful German element in Russia, which occurred in the early period of the war, left the nation unprepared to operate effectively even the limited number of establishments at its disposal.

Russia obtained a considerable amount of supplies from Japan by railroad, but this source has cut off suddenly for some time in the spring. The crisis in the relations between Japan and China became so serious that Japan, foreseeing the possibilities of hostilities, devoted its energies to the accumulation of war supplies for itself.

Although Russia has placed extensive orders in this country it has received from the United States little in the way of guns and shells. The shipments to Russia from Pacific ports have consisted principally of supplies such as motor trucks and other heavy equipment.

Could Help Little. France and England have found that the unexpected demand for ammunition during the war has strained their resources to the utmost, so that they have been able to lend Russia little assistance in this respect. The invasion of the great Austro-German movement found Russia unable to meet the emergency with any such array of guns and shells as were possessed by its opponents. Russian military experts attribute to this fact the rapidity of the Austro-German advance, stating that the fall of Warsaw, as well as the events which preceded it, was brought on largely by this state of affairs.

Advices received by the Associated Press from Vladivostok several weeks ago said that great amounts of supplies were received there for transportation to the Russian front. Word was received from Tokyo early this month that Japan had shipped large quantities of guns from its fortifications on the northeastern coast and had shipped them to Vladivostok.

Stock Market is Extremely Feverish

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Stocks were again very much unsettled after opening with some degree of steadiness. Nervousness resulting from the Arabic incident was the chief contributing factor.

United States Steel was the pivot around which the market revolved, that stock becoming increasingly weak on heavy sales, which forced the price down to 24 in the first hour, against Saturday's closing price of 29.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vinton.—Cloudy, cooler.

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Temp. High, Rain. Rows for 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00.

Comparative Local Record.

Table with 2 columns: Date, High, Low, Precipitation. Rows for 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.

ALMOST AS GOOD AS THE VICTORIA CROSS—Photo shows a wounded North Wales soldier in a Croyden hospital reading a letter written by Lloyd-George, in his own hand. The letter says in part: "The struggle up to now has been hard and severe, and it is due to the bravery and courage of yourself and thousands of others that we are not beaten."



READING LETTER FROM LLOYD GEORGE.

TOT PLAYED WITH MATCHES; DYING

Wilfred Riley, Aged Four, Will Be Third Child of Family to Meet Violent Death.

MOTHER PROSTRATED BY SHOCK

Wilfred Riley, aged 4 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Riley, 2375 Cumming street, is dying at St. Joseph hospital as the result of burns received Saturday in a fire caused by his playing with a box of matches. Wilfred will be the third child of the Riley family to meet violent death within the last two years.

Wilfred, early Saturday morning got out of bed before the usual hour of rising, found a box of matches on the dresser, went into the bathroom and locked the door. A few minutes later the household was aroused when he cried, "Grandma, grandma, come quick, I'm burning up!" Mrs. Margaret Brown, the boy's grandmother was the first to get to the door and she attempted to force it. A moment later George Hale of Lincoln, an uncle of the child, who was visiting at the Riley home, put his shoulder to the panel, but before the lock could be forced, according to Mrs. Brown, the little fellow turned the key and opened the door himself. His night dress was burning. Hale tore off the blazing garment, and in so doing was severely burned about the hands. From the residence the boy was carried to a nearby drug store and from there to the hospital.

Both a sister, aged 3 years, died just a month ago from poisoning caused by eating canned peaches. Two years ago, Mary, aged 2 months, succumbed to the same sort of poisoning, resulting from being fed condensed milk. The Riley family have one child living, John, aged 11 months. Mrs. Agnes Riley, the mother, who is employed in a downtown restaurant, appears to be dazed from the shock. The father, an insurance agent, is equally as grief stricken.

Mr. Bryan Issues Statement About Sinking of Arabic

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, last night gave out a signed statement in part as follows:

"I have read the editorial opinions concerning the sinking of the Arabic, as those opinions were reproduced in Saturday morning's papers, but they seem to me to avoid the most important question. The real question is not whether American citizens have, under international law, a right to travel through the danger zone on the ships of belligerent nations. That is admitted. The question just now is whether an American citizen should put his convenience or even his rights above his nation's welfare. If American citizens refuse to consider their own safety or the safety of others, then a second question arises, namely, whether the government should permit a few persons to drag the whole country into this unparalleled war."

Twenty-Five Dying Daily From Starvation in City of Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 23.—(By Courier to Vera Cruz, Aug. 15, via New Orleans, Aug. 22.)—Deaths by starvation continue in this city and most conservative estimates place them at twenty-five a day. A visit to the various hospitals by a representative of the American Red Cross disclosed that for the first three days of August, twenty deaths from starvation were recorded. This number did not include the many who died in the streets from lack of food. Yesterday six death certificates attributed starvation as the cause. During the month of July, 1,850 deaths were registered in Mexico City. According to Charles J. O'Connor of the American Red Cross, 8 per cent of the deaths occurring in Mexico City are due to starvation. Notwithstanding the fact the authorities may be sincere in their motives to relieve the distress, their work up to now has been of little or no effect. School teachers, government employees, and even

C. L. FELT KILLED BY TRAIN AT STATION

Council Bluffs Business Man Run Over When He Accidentally Steps in Front of Engine.

WELL KNOWN IN MANY STATES

Charles L. Felt, 56 years old, member of one of the most prominent families of Council Bluffs, and resident of that city for thirty-five years, was killed early yesterday, when he was run over by a train at the Rock Island station in the Bluffs. Mr. Felt is a traveling salesman. He went to the station to take a train. The train was late and after walking about the station platform for a time, Mr. Felt stopped at the lunch counter and purchased a glass of milk. A moment later he stepped onto the railroad track, directly in front of an approaching train, which he had not noticed. The engine passed over the body. Mr. Felt had a business reputation as an expert in the iron trade which made him known in many states. He was at one time a partner in the old firm of Keelme & Felt, formerly wholesale hardware dealers of Council Bluffs. He was a brother-in-law of George Keelme, his wife having formerly been Miss Cora Keelme. Mr. Felt is survived by the wife and two daughters.

Serbia Agrees to Meet Italy's Views Regarding Albania

MILAN, Aug. 23.—(Via Paris.)—One of the main difficulties in the way of a solution of the Balkan problems favorable to the entente allies has been settled, according to an interview with Premier Pachitch of Serbia, published in the Corriere della Sera. The premier is quoted as saying that Serbia has given way to Italy regarding Albania.

Premier Pachitch, according to the newspaper, went over several phases of the present situation as well as declaring that Austria had tried several times since the beginning of the war to conclude a separate peace with Serbia, but met with refusal from the Serbian government.

"The inaction of the Serbian army," the premier said, "was due to sanitary conditions and the necessity for re-organization and the accumulation of war supplies. When the moment comes, he declared, the Serbian army will fight steadily and in accord for the Balkan people. "Serbia has been endeavoring ever since the beginning of the war to reach an agreement with Bulgaria and in trying to do so now," the premier said, "on a basis conserving the vital interests of both countries." So far as concerns Albania, the premier is quoted as declaring Serbia bows to the declaration of European nations and wishes a friendly solution of the Adriatic question with Italy, acknowledging the predominant position of Italy in that field.

REED'S DECISION HITS MOREHEAD

Governor Morehead and Entire Staff of State Officers Put in Pickle by His Action.

EXECUTIVE MAY LOSE HIS JOB

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Is Governor Morehead and other state officers holding office without authority of law, is a question which is being discussed on account of the ruling of Attorney General Reed that because the members of the railway commission have given no bond, they have no right to hold office and, therefore, their offices are vacant.

If the interpretation of the constitution by the attorney general is correct, Governor Morehead has no authority to appoint a new commission and Lieutenant Governor James Piereson of Morehead is the governor of Nebraska by succession and will have the power to appoint a new commission.

In his message to the governor the attorney general based his grounds for his opinion principally on Section 25 of Article 5 of the constitution which reads:

"The officers mentioned in this article shall give bonds in not less than double the amount of money that may come into their hands and in no case less than the sum of \$50,000, with such provisions as to sureties and the approval thereof and for the increase of the penalty of such bonds, as may be prescribed by law."

The officers alluded to in the above section are named in Section 1 of the same article and are the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, superintendent, attorney general and land commissioner. An amendment to the constitution, a few years ago made the three members of the State Railway commission also elective officers and the code committee which prepared the statutes placed the amended section under the head of executive officers in Article 5, designating the paragraph as Section "25A."

However, the proposition which submitted the amendment to the people for a vote did not amend the article, but it amended the constitution, so that it is claimed the new constitution, a few years ago should not have been inserted under the executive head, but at the end of the constitution.

However, the appearance of the railway commission amendment does not come into the proposition of the validity of the bonds given by the governor, secretary of state and treasurer. Under the reading of that section of the constitution the said state officers must give a bond in double the amount of money coming into their hands.

The last biennial reports of the different state officers show that the governor, as dairy, food and oil commissioner, received in fees \$173,000. As hotel commissioner he took in \$11,000. As head of the fish and game commission he took in \$5,500. As head of the fire commission he took in \$2,500. As head of the state veterinary department he took in \$40,000. Under the interpretation which the attorney general gives the constitution, the governor should have given a bond for at least \$350,000 or the bond would be of no effect.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Here are the dates for our coming Ak-Sar-Ben events: Sept. 29, Carnival begins Oct. 5, Floral Parade Oct. 6, Electrical Parade Oct. 8, Coronation Ball Oct. 9, Carnival Ends

GERMANS ENTER OSSOWETZ UPON HEELS OF SLAVS

Teuton Troops Occupy Great Russian Fortress After It Is Evacuated by Forces of Czar Nicholas.

IS LAST WESTERNMOST WALL Fall of Stronghold Expected as Muscovite Retreat Almost Isolated Garrison.

DEFENSE OF THE FIRST CLASS

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—German troops have occupied the fortress of Ossowetz, which was evacuated by the Russians, German army headquarters announced today. The text of the statement issued today regarding war operations is as follows:

"Early this morning an enemy fleet, consisting of about forty ships, appeared before Zeebrugge and steamed away again in a northwesterly direction after having been bombarded by our coastal artillery.

"In the Vosges and north of Muenster, battles are raging on the Lingekopf - Schratzmannelle - Barrenkopf line. Strong attacks by the French partly penetrated our positions last night. Counter attacks drove the enemy back again on the Lingekopf. On Schratzmannelle and Barrenkopf, fierce fights at the trench sections lasted throughout the night. About thirty mountain chassours were taken prisoners.

Flying Machine Brought Down. "At Wastrin, southeast of Lille, an English flying machine was shot down.

"Eastern theater of war: On the Boehr we occupied Ossowetz fortress which was evacuated by the Russians.

"North and south of Tykocin successful engagements took place. Tykocin was taken. On this occasion 1,300 prisoners, including eleven officers and seventy-seven machine guns fell into our hands.

"Desperate Russian counter attacks east of Bielsk fell with very considerable losses to the enemy and we advanced south of this town.

"Army of Prince Leopold of Bavaria: Engaged in stubborn fighting this army has crossed the Klezasse and Loranza line and is engaged in further favorable attacks. We took 3,500 prisoners and sixteen machine guns were captured.

"Army of Field Marshal Von Mackensen: The crossings over a tributary of the Pulva have been captured after fierce resistance on the front between Harna and the mouth of the river. An attack across the Bug above the tributary of the Pulva is making progress.

"On both sides of Avitvize and at Piszosa, east of Vidvada the enemy was defeated yesterday and driven back toward the northeast.

Lost Westernmost Fortresses. The fall of Ossowetz deprives the Russian of the last of their westernmost fortresses. It is situated about twenty miles inside the Russian frontier, opposite the East Prussian border and the Masurian lake country. Its fall had been expected inasmuch as the retreat further eastward of the great bulk of the Russian forces almost isolated the garrison.

Ossowetz, a first-class fortress, derives strategic importance from the fact that it guards the railway approach to Bialystok and the great Petrograd-Warsaw trunk line.

Germany Expresses Regret to Denmark

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company from Copenhagen says: "The German government has expressed regret for the torpedoing and sinking in the North Sea on May 25 of the Danish steamer Betty and announced its willingness to pay compensation for the loss of the steamer.

"It is claimed by Germany that the submarine commander failed to see the mark denoting Danish nationality on the steamer and assumed from the route the vessel was taking that it was going to join the British fleet as an auxiliary cruiser."

SUBMARINE ZONE OFF COAST OF IRELAND

Marked where the Lusitania and the Arabic were sent to the bottom. In this region seven ships have been attacked: The Falaba, sunk; the Cushing, attacked by aeroplane; the Gulfight, torpedoed; the Lusitania, sunk; the Nebraska, torpedoed; the Armenian, shelled and sunk; the Arabic, torpedoed and sunk.



THIRTY MILLIONS FOR COTTON FUND

McAdoo Will Place That Sum or More in Gold in Southern Reserve Banks if Needed.

RESULT OF ALLIES' ACTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Treasury officials tonight made public an announcement by Secretary McAdoo that in view of the action of the allies in putting cotton on the contraband list, he would, if it became necessary, deposit \$30,000,000 or more in gold in the federal reserve banks at Atlanta, Dallas and Richmond for the purpose of enabling the reserve banks to rediscount loans on cotton secured by warehouse receipts made by national banks and state banks belonging to the federal reserve system.

One Fatally Hurt in Motor Car Upset

FAIRBURY, Neb., Aug. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—George Johnson, a young bachelor living near Jansen, is lying near death as a result of a serious accident four miles northeast of here last night. Johnson, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, who work for him, were hurrying toward his home to escape a rainstorm when the machine upset, shocking and badly injuring the occupants.

Mrs. Davis was made unconscious. A few minutes afterward and before Mr. Davis could flag it another car approached at a high speed and crashed into the wreckage.

Johnson sustained a broken arm and serious internal injuries. The injured people were taken to the nearby farmhouse of James Amos and medical treatment was summoned from Fairbury. Johnson is in a critical condition tonight.

U. S. to Decide as Soon as Facts Here

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that as soon as all the facts regarding the Arabic are ascertainable our course of action will be determined.

German Torpedo Boat is Sunk Near Ostend

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Two French torpedo boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat destroyer off Ostend (Belgium) last night, says an announcement made here today. The French boats were undamaged.

INTERNED FRENCH AVIATOR SUCCEEDS IN ESCAPING

PARIS, Aug. 23.—Eugene Gilbert, the French aviator who was obliged to land in Switzerland, June 27, through an accident to his motor, after bombarding the Zeppelin sheds at Friedrichshafen, and was interned near St. Gothard, has escaped. M. Gilbert arrived in Paris last night and reported for service at the French ministry of war today.

SEVENTY-SEVEN U. S. MEN ON TORPEDOED SHIP

LONDON, Aug. 23.—There were seventy-seven Americans in the crew of the steamer Baron Erskine, which was sunk by a German submarine last week. The Americans who were horse tenders, were landed safely with the rest of the crew.

THE WANT-AD WAY.

ALLIES REJOICE OVER EXPLOIT OF RUSS WARSHIPS

Disaster is the Greatest Sufferer by the German Navy Since the Beginning of the Great Conflict.

OFFICIAL REPORT IS MEAGER

Says One Dreadnought, Two Cruisers, Eight Torpedo Boats and Four Transports Destroyed.

ARTILLERY DUELS IN WEST

LONDON, Aug. 23.—The capitulation of the entente allies are jubilant today over the unexpected naval victory which the Russians, according to their accounts, have won in the Gulf of Riga. England had more than a sympathetic interest in the battle, as a British submarine accounted for the German battle cruiser Moltke, the loss of which added to the destruction of two cruisers, eight torpedo boats and four transports, constitutes the greatest naval disaster suffered by Germany during the war.

For the last week both Petrograd and Berlin have been sending meager reports of naval operations in the Gulf of Riga, which were interpreted to mean that Germany was attempting to land forces for the purpose of supporting the left flank of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg in his efforts to overrun the whole of Courland and thereby establish his armies along the coast route to the Russian capital.

The official report, claiming a decisive victory for the allies, together with the expulsion of surviving units of the German naval forces from the gulf, contains few details in addition to an enumeration of German losses. It is assumed that, inasmuch as Petrograd announced several days ago that its large warships had retired from the gulf, the mosquito flotilla, assisted by submarines and land defenses, worked unexpected destruction on a part of the German fleet and the transports.

Moral Effect Large.

The moral effect of this action on the Russian people, is expected in London, to be great and will probably do much to allay the depression incident to the continued Russian retreat, which has been arrested nowhere except in the northern sector, from Riga to Kovno.

British military critics regard the Baltic advance of the Germans as of supreme importance, if the invaders really contemplate marching on Petrograd. On

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The Day's War News

GERMANY'S NAVAL LOSSES IN the recent operations in the Gulf of Riga and in the Baltic were "one of the most powerful dreadnoughts of the German fleet," two cruisers and eight torpedo boats, according to the Russian admiralty statement today. The only Russian loss mentioned in Petrograd's account of the Gulf of Riga encounter was that of the gun-boat Sivach.

GERMAN TORPEDO boat destroyer was sunk off Ostend Sunday night by two French torpedo boats, which escaped undamaged, Paris announces.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT issued a denial of the report that the steamer Dunley, which was torpedoed shortly before the sinking of the Arabic, was an armed patrol. It was an unarmed and peaceful trader, it is declared.

PLANS FOR JOINT military action by Italy, England, France and Russia against Turkey were arranged in July and can immediately be put into execution, advices from Italy declare.

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